



# Collocations 3



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Choose the best answer

1. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ two courses himself, one in political science and another in music theory.  
A. make                      B. do                      C. get                      D. have
2. They are expected to \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for these student-athletes, whose final seasons were abruptly canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
A. acquire                      B. implement                      C. provide                      D. support
3. You shouldn't work all the time - it \_\_\_\_\_ you good to go out and enjoy yourself sometimes.  
A. keeps                      B. takes                      C. does                      D. exchanges
4. It is natural for adopted children to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to know more about their birth family.  
A. desire                      B. ambition                      C. commitment                      D. impulse
5. I hope my teacher will \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that I was ill just before the exams when she marks my paper.  
A. give account of                      B. lay account with  
C. take into account                      D. take account into
6. Toni was totally opposed at first, but he soon changed his \_\_\_\_\_ when he realized how much money he'd get.  
A. hook                      B. sense                      C. tune                      D. side
7. I'm going to go round the \_\_\_\_\_ if they don't turn that music down soon.  
A. bell                      B. bend                      C. wood                      D. trees
8. You really have to \_\_\_\_\_ your wits about you when driving through Birmingham.  
A. have                      B. take                      C. get                      D. set
9. He's going to have to \_\_\_\_\_ his socks up if he wants to stay in the basketball team.  
A. push                      B. pulse                      C. work                      D. pull
10. You have to take some risks to be successful in business and in life, but don't stick your \_\_\_\_\_ out for no good reason.  
A. head                      B. face                      C. hair                      D. neck

11. Applicants must come from farm families and plan \_\_\_\_\_ a career in the field of agriculture.  
A. to be pursued      B. having pursued      C. to pursue      D. pursuing
12. He hoped the appointment would enable him to gain greater \_\_\_\_\_ in publishing.  
A. experience      B. experiment      C. adventure      D. testing
13. My old high school friends and I tried \_\_\_\_\_ once we graduated, but we all started drifting apart once college got underway.  
A. keeping away from      B. keeping up with      C. keeping in touch      D. keeping time
14. Following public outcry, the company has taken \_\_\_\_\_ to rectify the discriminatory hiring practices.  
A. effects      B. steps      C. moves      D. deeds
15. The region is slowly making a \_\_\_\_\_ to a more knowledge-based economy.  
A. transition      B. transportation      C. translation      D. transient
16. Since you are buying a brand new home, the builder should take \_\_\_\_\_ for this repair.  
A. probability      B. responsibility      C. possibility      D. ability
17. We've all made \_\_\_\_\_, but it's important to own up to them and learn from what happened.  
A. appointments      B. objections      C. mistakes      D. enquiries
18. He took to golf like \_\_\_\_\_. He'd never played before but hit a hole in one!  
A. a duck to water      B. a sitting duck      C. ugly duckling      D. a dead duck
19. Before Tom decides to take a year out, he must make sure that the university will \_\_\_\_\_ his place for him till the following year.  
A. hold      B. take      C. obtain      D. leave
20. In my attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ at university, I am under a lot of pressure.  
A. put into place      B. secure a place      C. book a seat      D. take a seat
21. A number of people handed in their \_\_\_\_\_ in protest to the board's recent decision.  
A. announcements      B. notices      C. forecasts      D. warnings
22. We thanked the real estate agent for trying to find us a house, but the ones she showed us just didn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. meet the bill      B. pad the bill      C. foot the bill      D. fit the bill
23. Kate's not coming tonight because she's \_\_\_\_\_ under with research for her thesis.  
A. snowed      B. sprung      C. summered      D. fallen
24. I've \_\_\_\_\_ a new job with the local newspaper.  
A. applied for      B. applied from      C. applied on      D. applied

25. You must \_\_\_\_\_ an application to the Minister for Immigration for any and all permits to remain within the state beyond the standard allowance of 90 days.
- A. show                      B. keep                      C. make                      D. turn
26. The company said it had \_\_\_\_\_ a profit of about £1.4bn on the deal.
- A. made                      B. did                      C. gave                      D. carried
27. He is \_\_\_\_\_ a charge \_\_\_\_\_ theft.
- A. for - of                      B. in - of                      C. on - with                      D. with - in
28. I practiced for a few hours before I really \_\_\_\_\_ a feel for the best way to do it.
- A. turned                      B. said                      C. got                      D. cared
29. They brought tears \_\_\_\_\_ her eyes, but tears of pain soon welled \_\_\_\_\_ from an overwhelming sense of despair.
- A. at - for                      B. on - down                      C. around - off                      D. to - up
30. The rapid development of the city poses a \_\_\_\_\_ to the environment of the countryside.
- A. threatened                      B. threaten                      C. threatening                      D. threat
31. Analysts are busy \_\_\_\_\_ predictions about what we can expect in the next budget.
- A. thinking                      B. making                      C. helping                      D. using
32. She \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting observation about the poet's intentions.
- A. made                      B. exercised                      C. caught                      D. done
33. He made an attempt \_\_\_\_\_ pass the exam.
- A. in                      B. of                      C. to                      D. about
34. It seems impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ terrorism in the world.
- A. put stop to                      B. put an end of                      C. put an end to                      D. stop at
35. He's been \_\_\_\_\_ noises about taking us all to Rio, but we haven't heard anything definite.
- A. keeping                      B. seeing                      C. thinking                      D. making
36. They \_\_\_\_\_ their way towards the centre of the town.
- A. made                      B. told                      C. tried                      D. saved
37. The accumulative effect only works if you \_\_\_\_\_ the balance and earned interest in the account.
- A. maintain                      B. collect                      C. allow                      D. concur
38. I wish you'd \_\_\_\_\_ the effort to get on with her.
- A. let                      B. build                      C. receive                      D. make



39. This biodiversity is being lost destroying natural mechanisms that could \_\_\_\_\_ the damage caused by man.  
A. spend                      B. add                      C. repair                      D. arrive
40. The doctors have tried everything humanly possible to \_\_\_\_\_ the life of the wounded soldier.  
A. save                      B. call                      C. wait                      D. think
41. Last Sunday the Youth Union \_\_\_\_\_ a campaign to help students with disabilities.  
A. has launched              B. was launching              C. was launched              D. launched
42. Some snakes \_\_\_\_\_ eggs, but others give birth to live offspring.  
A. lay                      B. allow                      C. go                      D. set
43. Different activities should be carried out to \_\_\_\_\_ the awareness of our people about ecotourism.  
A. raise                      B. rise                      C. produce                      D. pull
44. Imagine that a housing team is doing a research \_\_\_\_\_ students.  
A. on                      B. into                      C. over                      D. of
45. They feel \_\_\_\_\_ with the salesperson's services.  
A. satisfying              B. satisfactory              C. satisfaction              D. satisfied
46. They \_\_\_\_\_ the final stage called cultural identity achievement.  
A. keep                      B. look                      C. help                      D. reach
47. Although my best friend now lives in Da Nang, we still try to keep in touch \_\_\_\_\_ each other.  
A. for                      B. with                      C. on                      D. up to
48. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ a strong urge to keep their cultural identity, so they continue speaking their language.  
A. taste                      B. feel                      C. touch                      D. think
49. You \_\_\_\_\_ a tendency to exasperate me with your stubbornness.  
A. do                      B. make                      C. have                      D. get
50. They \_\_\_\_\_ their lives for their country.  
A. sacrificed              B. gave                      C. lost                      D. let
51. We \_\_\_\_\_ in touch for a while after college.  
A. kept                      B. held                      C. continued                      D. watched
52. The school sees its job as preparing students to \_\_\_\_\_ a contribution to society.  
A. bring                      B. show                      C. make                      D. say
53. As a move towards \_\_\_\_\_ green I've recently stopped providing plastic bags for my customers.

- A. going                      B. thinking                      C. breaking                      D. setting
54. Drunken drivers \_\_\_\_\_ a serious threat to other road users.  
A. pose                      B. sit                      C. play                      D. create
55. He had not parked in front of the house because he had no desire to \_\_\_\_\_ attention to himself.  
A. draw                      B. come to                      C. show                      D. pay
56. When troubled, kids are more prone to misbehave and less able to concentrate, and it can be a struggle keeping learners \_\_\_\_\_ in such cases.  
A. posted                      B. informed                      C. engaged                      D. occupied
57. Mr. Obama is scheduled to arrive in the Danish capital early Friday, in time to make a \_\_\_\_\_ to the voting members of the International Olympic Committee.  
A. presentation                      B. presentative                      C. presentable                      D. presentational
58. The area is a fantastic place to \_\_\_\_\_, Pastron says, because of its immigrant history and rapid settlement in the 19th century.  
A. do research                      B. take amiss                      C. make allowance                      D. get tough
59. When the worse gets to the worst, a number of people end up indulging in various societal vices to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. claim a life                      B. larger than life                      C. earn a living                      D. come alive
60. Clara worked as an assistant in the firm for several years before she finally left to seek her \_\_\_\_\_ as an independent contractor.  
A. fortune                      B. fortunate                      C. fortuitous                      D. fortuitousness
61. Today the city government has taken \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent a repetition of last year's confrontation.  
A. measures                      B. pleasures                      C. assures                      D. leisures
62. However, mutators may play an important role \_\_\_\_\_ the adaptation \_\_\_\_\_ organisms to changing environments.  
A. in - of                      B. of - from                      C. by - in                      D. with - at
63. Windsor is one of the UK's top comperes and has a natural \_\_\_\_\_ to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in any room.  
A. probability                      B. ability                      C. possibility                      D. responsibility
64. Studios are rushing out monster movies to \_\_\_\_\_ our new-found enthusiasm for dinosaurs.  
A. take advantage                      B. take advantages of  
C. take advantage of                      D. take advantage in
65. I trusted Brennan sufficiently to reveal Julie's \_\_\_\_\_ and the burglary.  
A. identity                      B. identify                      C. identical                      D. identification

66. Larry kept his identity hidden until 2006, when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, which later \_\_\_\_\_  
A. claimed his life      B. took his life      C. gave his life      D. lived his own life
67. In 2000 Mello was \_\_\_\_\_ of Howard Hughes Medical Investigator because of his significant contributions to science.  
A. kept the title      B. held the title      C. awarded the title      D. defended the title
68. Jackson doesn't want to damage his \_\_\_\_\_ as a political personality.  
A. repute      B. reputation      C. reputational      D. reputable
69. We tend to make \_\_\_\_\_ about people at work based on our first impressions.  
A. judgments      B. guesswork      C. justices      D. decisions
70. At the end of the book, the author makes some \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumerist society.  
A. criticism      B. criticize      C. criticality      D. critically
71. She's so determined that I just know nothing will get \_\_\_\_\_ of her plans to finish her thesis.  
A. on the way      B. in the way      C. by the way      D. by way of
72. I don't know what you do for a \_\_\_\_\_ but you obviously don't know much about the real world.  
A. lifelong      B. alive      C. lifetime      D. living
73. Pogosian said that his company was sorry to miss a \_\_\_\_\_ to show off its fighters.  
A. chance      B. deliberate      C. calculated      D. intentional
74. They need to \_\_\_\_\_ more time improving family relationship.  
A. take      B. get      C. give      D. spend
75. An accident at the power station could \_\_\_\_\_ in large amounts of radiation being released.  
A. lead      B. be led      C. result      D. be resulted
76. We have no \_\_\_\_\_ in accepting your most generous offer.  
A. hesitate      B. hesitation      C. tolerate      D. toleration
77. In water polo, there is no limit to the number of ordinary fouls a player can \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. commit      B. cause      C. do      D. make
78. She has had to \_\_\_\_\_ some very difficult decisions.  
A. do      B. give      C. pay      D. make
79. "Players may not touch the bottom or hang on the wall." If players \_\_\_\_\_ this rule, they may not return to the game.  
A. destroy      B. crack      C. damage      D. break



80. Higher demand for goods and services \_\_\_\_\_ to higher imports from abroad.  
A. lead                      B. leads                      C. have led                      D. have been leading
81. The school now \_\_\_\_\_ from a number of facilities, new buildings, and technology.  
A. benefits                      B. profits                      C. advantages                      D. disadvantages
82. We're trying to \_\_\_\_\_ about the environment in general and air pollution in particular.  
A. rise aware                      B. raise aware                      C. rise awareness                      D. raise awareness
83. Come off it! England doesn't have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of winning the match.  
A. chance                      B. occasion                      C. opportunity                      D. accidental
84. Although insects are harmful to plants, their existence contributes a great part to biodiversity which helps to make a \_\_\_\_\_ environment.  
A. equal                      B. equality                      C. balance                      D. balanced
85. After gathering information about your home, you can \_\_\_\_\_ changes for cost-effective energy improvements and better comfort and safety.  
A. make a list of                      B. make a list                      C. make a go of                      D. make light of
86. Food allergies can result \_\_\_\_\_ an enormous variety of different symptoms.  
A. on                      B. in                      C. from                      D. of
87. Television programs have a huge influence \_\_\_\_\_ people, particularly on children.  
A. on                      B. in                      C. at                      D. to
88. The developments of technology can greatly \_\_\_\_\_ to environmental protection.  
A. contribute                      B. contribution                      C. attribute                      D. attribution
89. Can you tell me how \_\_\_\_\_ the feeling of pressure before an interview?  
A. to reduce                      B. reduce                      C. reducing                      D. to be reduced
90. Susie \_\_\_\_\_ a very good impression on her co-workers when they first met.  
A. make                      B. makes                      C. made                      D. making
91. I get the \_\_\_\_\_ that it will take some time for the family to overcome their grief.  
A. view                      B. image                      C. impression                      D. opinion
92. She does a really good impression \_\_\_\_\_ the president.  
A. as                      B. on                      C. from                      D. of
93. Tom doesn't show \_\_\_\_\_ in his schooling when he's always playing computer games.  
A. interest                      B. interested                      C. interesting                      D. uninteresting
94. We continuously \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to keep your information safe and secure.

- A. make                      B. put                      C. get                      D. take
95. If you don't want the job, there's no end of people willing \_\_\_\_\_ your place.
- A. take                      B. takes                      C. taking                      D. to take
96. Everyone will have a \_\_\_\_\_ to make their views known at the meeting.
- A. chance                      B. opportunity                      C. occasion                      D. accidental
97. I have the \_\_\_\_\_ to study in the United States for a year. Do you think I should go?
- A. advantage                      B. opportunity                      C. occasion                      D. accidental
98. Jeff deceived me once already - I won't \_\_\_\_\_ him a second chance.
- A. give                      B. take                      C. get                      D. keep
99. Simon finds it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ friends with other children.
- A. keep                      B. get                      C. make                      D. put
100. He was able to provide the police \_\_\_\_\_ some valuable information.
- A. for                      B. with                      C. at                      D. about
101. He has a very good \_\_\_\_\_ with his uncle.
- A. relatives                      B. relative                      C. relation                      D. relationship
102. I'd like to make an \_\_\_\_\_ with Dr. Evans, please.
- A. appointment                      B. arrangement                      C. meeting                      D. conference
103. I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ a writing course when I retire.
- A. take                      B. join                      C. sign                      D. ente
104. \_\_\_\_\_ attention to what she's saying because she won't explain it a second time.
- A. Give                      B. Pay                      C. Make                      D. Do
105. I must \_\_\_\_\_ you on your handling of a very difficult situation.
- A. compliment                      B. complemented  
C. complimentary                      D. complimentarily
106. She complained that her husband never \_\_\_\_\_ her any compliments anymore.
- A. gave                      B. put                      C. paid                      D. made
107. She \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible mistake of going against her doctor's advice.
- A. gave                      B. paid                      C. made                      D. did
108. In some countries, many old-aged parents like to live in a nursing home. They want to \_\_\_\_\_ independent lives.
- A. make                      B. have                      C. give                      D. lead



109. He \_\_\_\_\_ in love with a young German student.  
A. fell                      B. fall                      C. feel                      D. felt
110. We are \_\_\_\_\_ a survey to find out what our customers think of their local bus service.  
A. taking                      B. making                      C. doing                      D. conducting
111. The experiments were \_\_\_\_\_ by scientists in New York.  
A. carried out                      B. taken out                      C. stood for                      D. made for
112. As sisters, they have always confided \_\_\_\_\_ each other.  
A. in                      B. out                      C. up                      D. away
113. Sorry, I'm just under so much \_\_\_\_\_ at work that it's made me rather irritable.  
A. control                      B. constraint                      C. pressure                      D. breath
114. It is parent's duty and responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ hands to take care of their children and give them a happy home.  
A. shake                      B. join                      C. hold                      D. take
115. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ me a hand with these suitcases?  
A. get                      B. give                      C. bring                      D. pass
116. Every individual should take \_\_\_\_\_ for participating to create a cozy family atmosphere.  
A. responsibility                      B. responsible                      C. responsibly                      D. irresponsible
117. Nowadays, both the husband and the wife strive together in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the household.  
A. hide                      B. follow                      C. run                      D. control
118. Please \_\_\_\_\_ that dinner is ready when we get home.  
A. make sure                      B. insure                      C. ensure                      D. guarantee
119. They closed the windows in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the noise from the traffic outside.  
A. advance                      B. trial                      C. attempt                      D. ability
120. Thanks to his parent's approval, he tried his best to win a \_\_\_\_\_ at a university.  
A. place                      B. scholarship                      C. chosen                      D. acceptance
121. Everybody in her family are doctors and he was under \_\_\_\_\_ to go to medical school.  
A. pressure                      B. pleasure                      C. tension                      D. stress
122. There is greater efficiency and happiness in a home where family members \_\_\_\_\_ household responsibilities with women equally.  
A. share                      B. divide                      C. part                      D. distribute